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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUNDS (SSH) FOR FY 75

REF: (A) COTONOU 576; (B) COTONOU 250; (C) SEGALL/CHESHES
LETTER DATED APRIL 15

1. DEPT. NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP STATUS OF EMBASSY COTONOU'S
SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUNDS. OUR RECORDS INDICATE (REF. A)
THAT AS OF MID-MAY, COTONOU HAD OBLIGATED ONLY DOLS.
38,750 OF DOLS. 59,000 ALLOCATED TO POST IN FIRST THREE
FY 75 TRANCHES. (SITUATION HAS APPARENTLY REMAINED DIF-
FICULT ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN REF B.)

2. AS REPORTED EARLIER, OUR FY 75 SSH FUNDS WERE REDUCED
FROM DOLS. 1.5 MILLION TO TOTAL OF DOLS. 1.1 MILLION. WE
HAVE NOW DISTRIBUTED FOURTH TRANCHE OF DOLS. 179,000.
RECIPIENT POSTS WERE CHOSEN FOR THEIR UTILIZATION OF
EARLIER FY 75 ALLOCATIONS AND EXISTENCE OF ADDITIONAL
SSH PROJECTS READY FOR SIGNATURE.

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3. IN VIEW OF THIS FORCED REDUCTION IN OUR TOTAL SSH
ALLOCATION, IT IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE THIS FISCAL
YEAR TO DISTRIBUTE ANY AVAILABLE SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUNDS
TO THOSE POSTS ABLE TO FULLY OBLIGATE THEM FOR UNQUESTION-

ABLY WORTHY PURPOSES. IF ANY OF COTONOU'S FY 75 SSH
ALLOCATION CANNOT BE OBLIGATED BY JUNE 30, PLEASE INFORM
US ASAP TO ALLOW TRANSFER OF THESE FUNDS TO OTHER POSTS.

4. AVOIDANCE OF NEED FOR LAST MINUTE RELEASE AND REDIS-
TRIBUTION OF FUNDS WILL BE VIEWED BY DEPT. AS POSITIVE
FACTOR IN CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE REQUESTS FOR SSH
ALLOCATIONS. INGERSOLL

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